

DENVER SEMINARY MASTER OF DIVINITY EQUIVALENCY

The Association of Theological Schools requires a Master of Divinity or its equivalent to enter any accredited Doctor of Ministry or Master of Theology program. A 3.0 GPA is required (exceptions for extenuating circumstances may be granted).

At Denver Seminary MDiv equivalency is defined as 72 graduate semester hours (or comparable graduate credits from other contexts) that represent broad-based work in theology, biblical studies, and the practice of ministry and that include a master's degree and significant ministerial leadership. Ministerial experience alone is not considered the equivalent of or a substitute for the master's degree.

For the purposes of entry to the ThM, a student may be admitted by transcript review of an earned 50 hour academic MA in the concentration of the ThM degree.

The 72 semester hours of master's level work must include courses fulfilling the following content curriculum requirements:

<i>Content Areas</i>	Sem. Hrs	Course Curriculum Content
Christian Doctrine	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding tasks, resources, and methods of theology. • Understanding the doctrines of revelation, Scripture, God, creation, providence, human person, sin, person and work of Christ, salvation, nature and mission of the church, major theological systems, and general and personal eschatology. • Application of the historical context and biblical foundation of these doctrines to life and ministry.
Old Testament	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of the historical background, key texts, and critical issues of the entire Old Testament from Genesis to Malachi. • Overview of God's plan as unveiled throughout the Old Testament, including what was required of His people throughout the history of the nation of Israel.
New Testament	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of the historical background, key texts, and critical issues of the entire New Testament from Matthew to Revelation. • Overview of the life and work of Christ, including His essential teachings, the theology of evangelism, and the creation of the early church. • Application of New Testament teachings to contemporary life and a theology of evangelism.
Homiletics (required for Pastoral Skills track) OR Apologetics & Ethics	3 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the basics of sermon preparation and delivery. • Preparation and delivery of at least two biblically grounded sermons. • Training in the practice of Christian apologetics and the skills involved in building a strong intellectual case for Christian theism. • Understanding and applying the tools used to discern non-Christian viewpoints, including naturalism, deism, pantheism, and post-modernism.
Biblical Interpretation (separate course or integrated into a related course)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coursework should include evidence of the knowledge and practice of principles of biblical interpretation, including interpreting the various genres of the Bible.